

HOW DO WE LOVE AND TRUST GOD.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." St John xiv, 23.

How many professing Christians to-day love God with their whole soul, mind, and strength.

Did our blessed Savior mean that the new covenant he was mediator of should be too broad for human minds to grasp? Are minds growing narrow, and if they are does the fault lay with God?

Did our dear Shephard intend that it should take the creeds of four or more different denominations to form one whole gospel faith? Or do we first fill our minds with self and the world, then polish up with what we call christianity? Oh may we empty ourselves of self, and this world, then kneeling humbly at Jesus' feet, ask him to fill us, and we will soon see that Jesus does not do his work by halves.

Some Christians obey part of our Savior's words, but do not claim his promises: Others apply his promise to themselves but do not strive to become obedient, in all things. Matt. xxviii, 20.

We must worship in spirit, and in truth." "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." St John iv, 24, and 17.

Some Christians claim the spirit, and the grace, but do not strive to walk in the blessed truth, others strive very earnestly to walk in all the truth, yet are afraid to trust for the spirit—in as abundant measure as they desire.

Can we ever in the name of Jesus separate that which he meant for us to accept as inseparable.

Our Savior proved his love for God by doing his will: If Jesus is our example must we not do likewise? If Jesus had been like some professors of Christianity to-day, he would have said when God told him he must obey his words—even to being crucified—Lord I have the will to do all, and would willingly do so—only I know you have the power to save the world some other way, and I have the faith you will do so, then he Jesus would have spent all his time singing praises to God."

The Brethren as a church strive to walk in all of the teachings, and ex-

amples of Jesus that were intended for his followers. If we are true Brethren we do those things because we love God, and we do them in Jesus, name.

We strive to live a christian life day by day, to be kind to all about us.

Try to help the fallen, and oppressed—we give a cup of cold water when we can in Jesus' name, and because we love God.

We strive to be instrumental in winning souls for Jesus. How happy we are when we do these things—in his name—and each kind act will lay a stepping stone to heaven. Also we believe what Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, ye have done it unto me."

Do you say where, and how can we receive grace for living a life so devoted to God? When Mary of old wanted to do a more blessed deed than helping the poor, she anointed Jesus' feet, when the Mary that was a sinner wished to seek pardon, she washed Jesus' feet with tears.

Dear fellow workers for God, if when we give a cup of water to a needy soul, we give it to Jesus, then when we wash the feet of one of his least in his name, why are we not doing so to Jesus.

This is one way to prove our love to God; we know we will receive the promised blessing, if we obey this most simple service in faith, and love, and if we are not willing to strive to be obedient in all things, are we worthy of partaking of the shed blood, and broken body of our Savior.

It is in the observance of the holy communion that we receive strength to grow spiritually, yes, in this Christ appointed, consecration service. Dear sister do we realize always that the most simple, and humble service for Jesus can best ingraft into our souls the spirit we most need? Brotherly love, humility, love for the souls of mankind generally, and most of all love for God. It is in observing this service aright, that we can feel the blood of Jesus applied anew to our hearts, as at no other time.

Then if the above is the way we should love God, how should we trust him.

We think men are disobedient when they do not trust God: Oh let us trust

him more for seeming impossibilities. Let us trust God to do for us what is best, and more than we can do for ourselves. Let us trust him to do his part in the conversion of our friends, if we do our part. Let us not forget to thank and praise him for prayers answered. The arm of the Lord is not shortened nor has he any less power than of old.

The God of our salvation is not so much afraid of doing more than his share of good, as some professors are; they seem to think what good they may do in their church, they are doing for the members, especially if satan can make one feel they are doing more than their share of work.

Let us forget the drones in the church and try and work in Jesus' name for God—not for the careless ways of brother, or sister so and so.

Let us not isolate ourselves from the association of the church! we need its blessings, and the church needs every member where they can work, and do some good.

So let us trust God to help us to succeed financially without moving away where we are lost for doing good! unless we can trust God to make a missionary of us, and help us work up his cause where full gospel doctrine is not observed, if it is taught.

Oh let us love our King of kings,
Let us trust our Savior;
Love with service surely brings,
Joy and peace with highest favor.

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PRAY FOR THE RICH.

Pray for the rich as well as the poor. They have their trials and needs as well as other people. They are above the wants peculiar to those who struggle for a living, but they have temptations and difficulties peculiar to their own sphere. They are sinners like the rest of us. Death enters their homes as it does those of the less favored of humanity. Envy and jealousy disturb them as they do those of a different social grade. They are human, and nothing human should be foreign to Christian sympathy and consideration. They need the Gospel as much as any other class of persons. No rank is above being prayed for. Christ has grace, mercy, peace, blessing, and salvation for all men, and in all situations, and he would have us take in all necessities and relations in life as supplicants before his mercy-seat.—*The Presbyterian.*